

TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF WARD 7:

Please read this letter carefully. I have introduced myself to you via the Peabody Times and I have visited many of you in your homes. As Primary Day approaches, I would like to reaffirm some of my sentiments in greater detail.

As you know, we have discussed many of the problems concerning our fast growing community, namely: Education, Civil Defense, Zoning, the Peabody Speedway, Public transportation, Drainage, Snow Removal. This indeed is an impressive list. We will touch only the highlights, since space is limited.

EDUCATION: It is my strong feeling that buildings alone do not make a superior school system. An adequate, safe building must have competent teachers. To recruit and keep competent teachers the citizens must be willing to pay a salary commensurate with ability and nationwide status. In this day of amazing scientific achievements, we, as citizens, must assure our children of a curriculum that will stimulate their interests and develop their potentialities to the fullest. Only in this way can we maintain our position as a world power. If we are going to realize this end, we need up-to-date laboratories, excellent language offerings, a full program of physical fitness and vocational guidance.

Like our school system, our CIVIL DEFENSE needs a positive approach. In place of this prevalent feeling of helplessness, conflicting opinions and procrastination, we must initiate a program of active community effort in preparing ourselves for any eventuality. Realizing the pitfalls of individual shelters close to a strategic target such as Boston, I favor underground community shelters which will be considerably safer...provided there is sufficient warning. However, if there is no warning at all, a home shelter will have to do. IN EITHER CASE, IN A NUCLEAR OR A CONVENTIONAL WAR, WE NEED SHELTERS!

In regard to ZONING, the concensus is that our ward should remain residential. Our neighbors came to this area to avoid the confusion and congestion of city living. I will expend my efforts to maintain their desire.

In conclusion, I repeat my original statement: My platform will be what properly informed people want it to be.

WE MUST PUT A STOP TO THE BURLESQUE OF POLITICKING AND GET DOWN TO THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF MANAGING OUR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS IN A VIGOROUSLY EFFICIENT AND FRUGAL MANNER, WITH AN EYE TO THE FUTURE.

Thank you very much.

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